

FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

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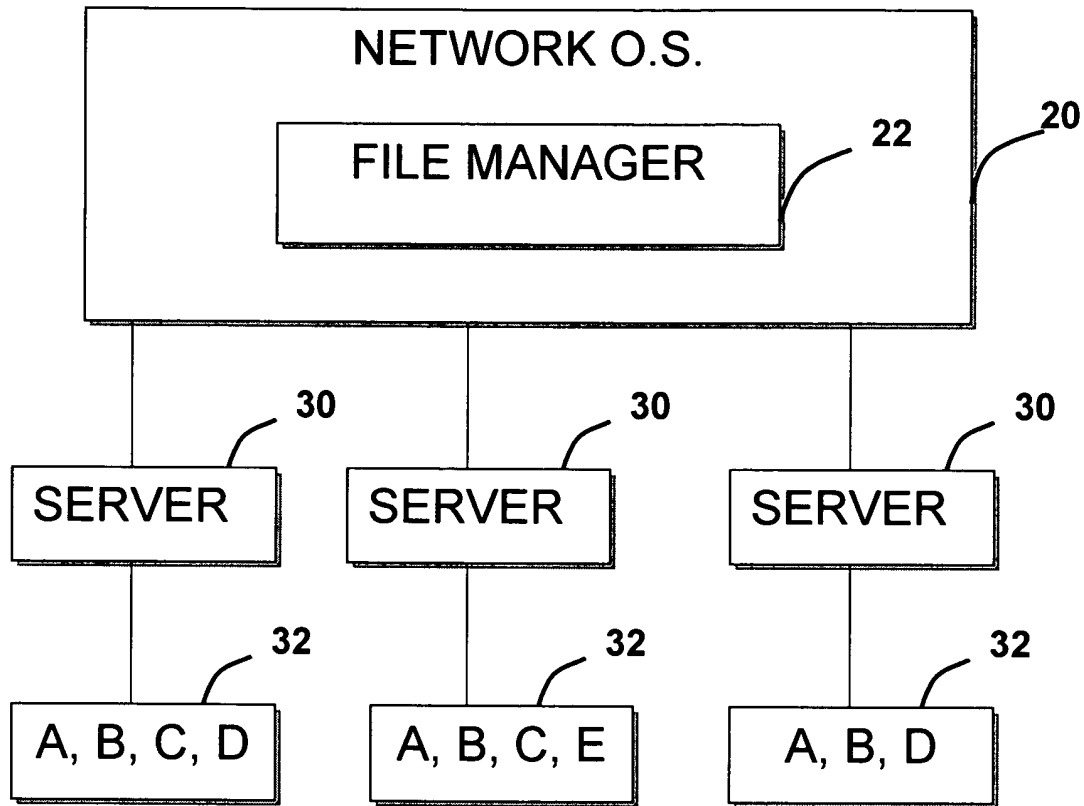


FIG. 2A
(PRIOR ART)

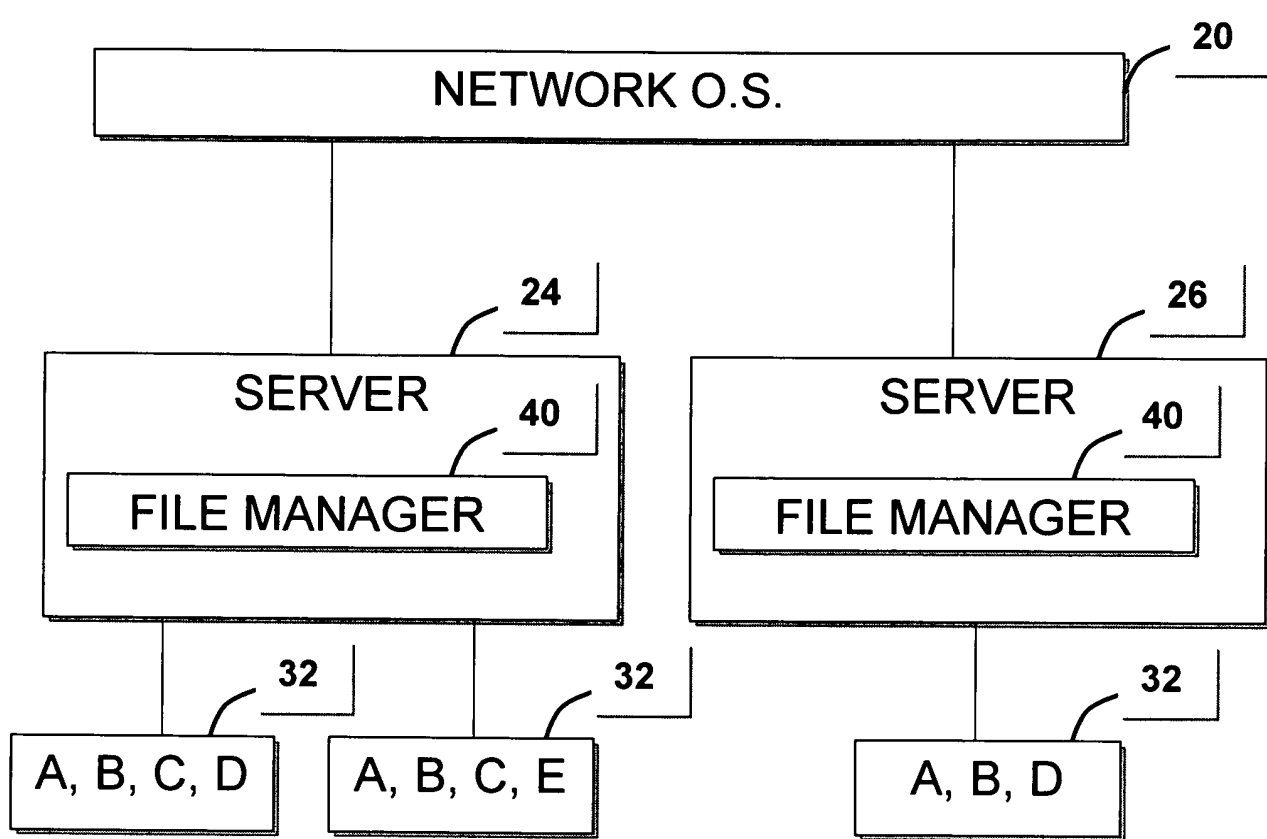


Fig. 2B
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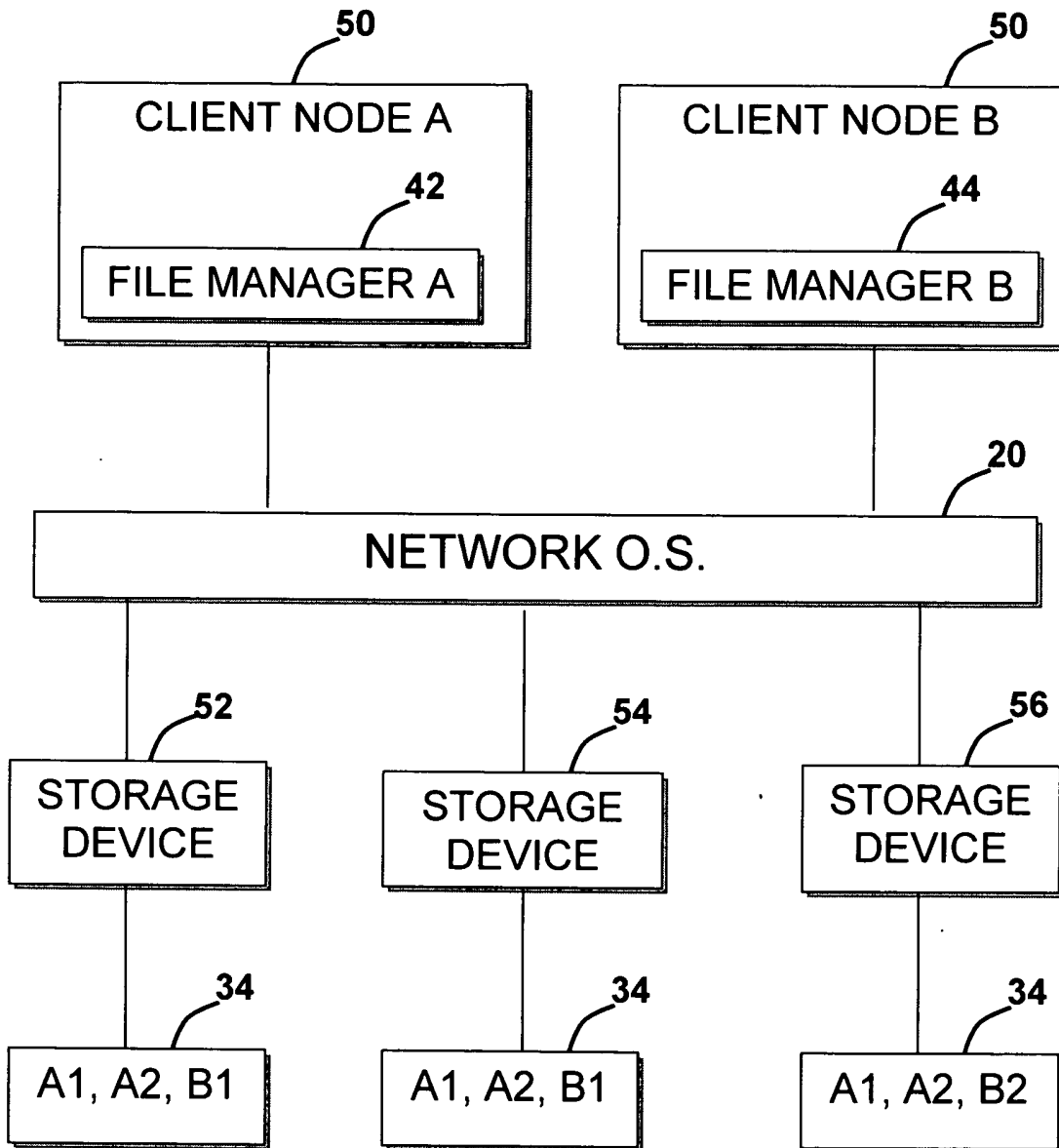


FIG. 2C
(PRIOR ART)

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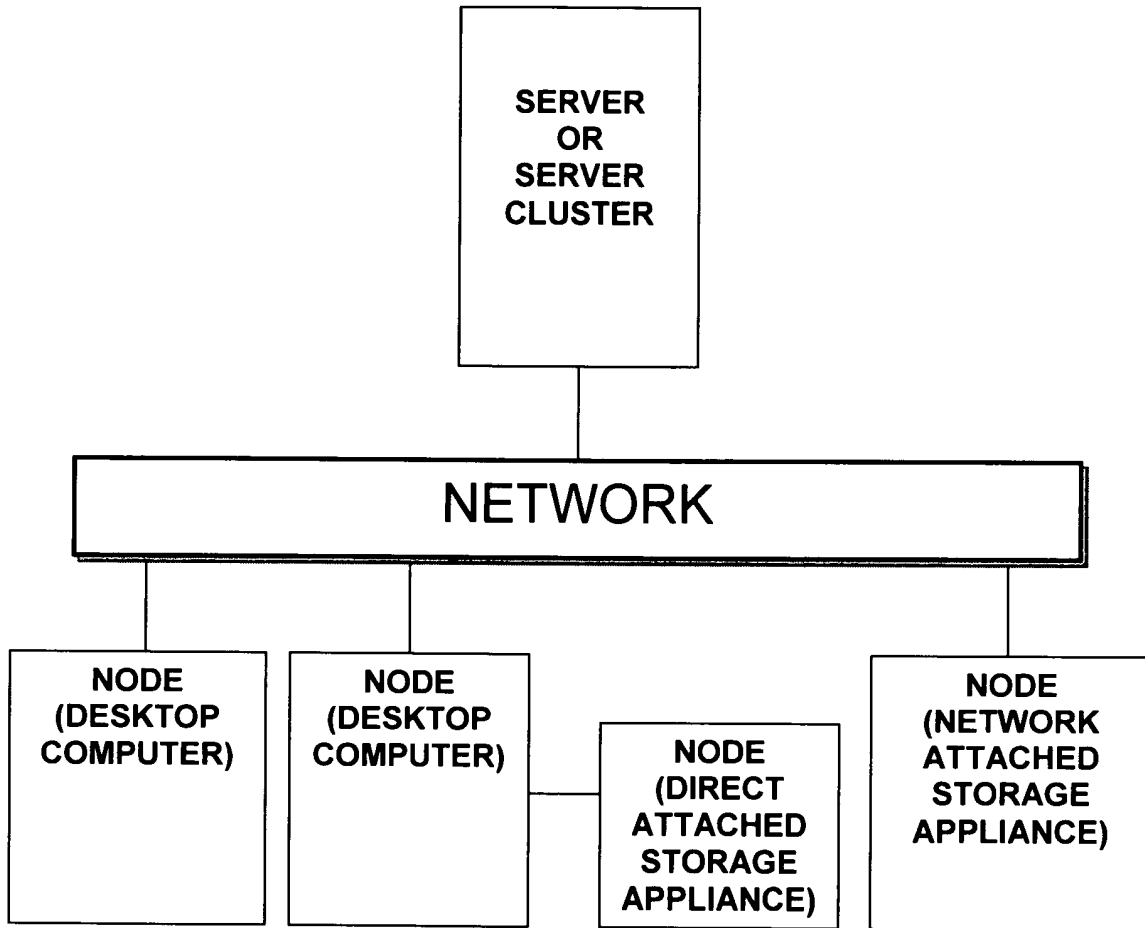
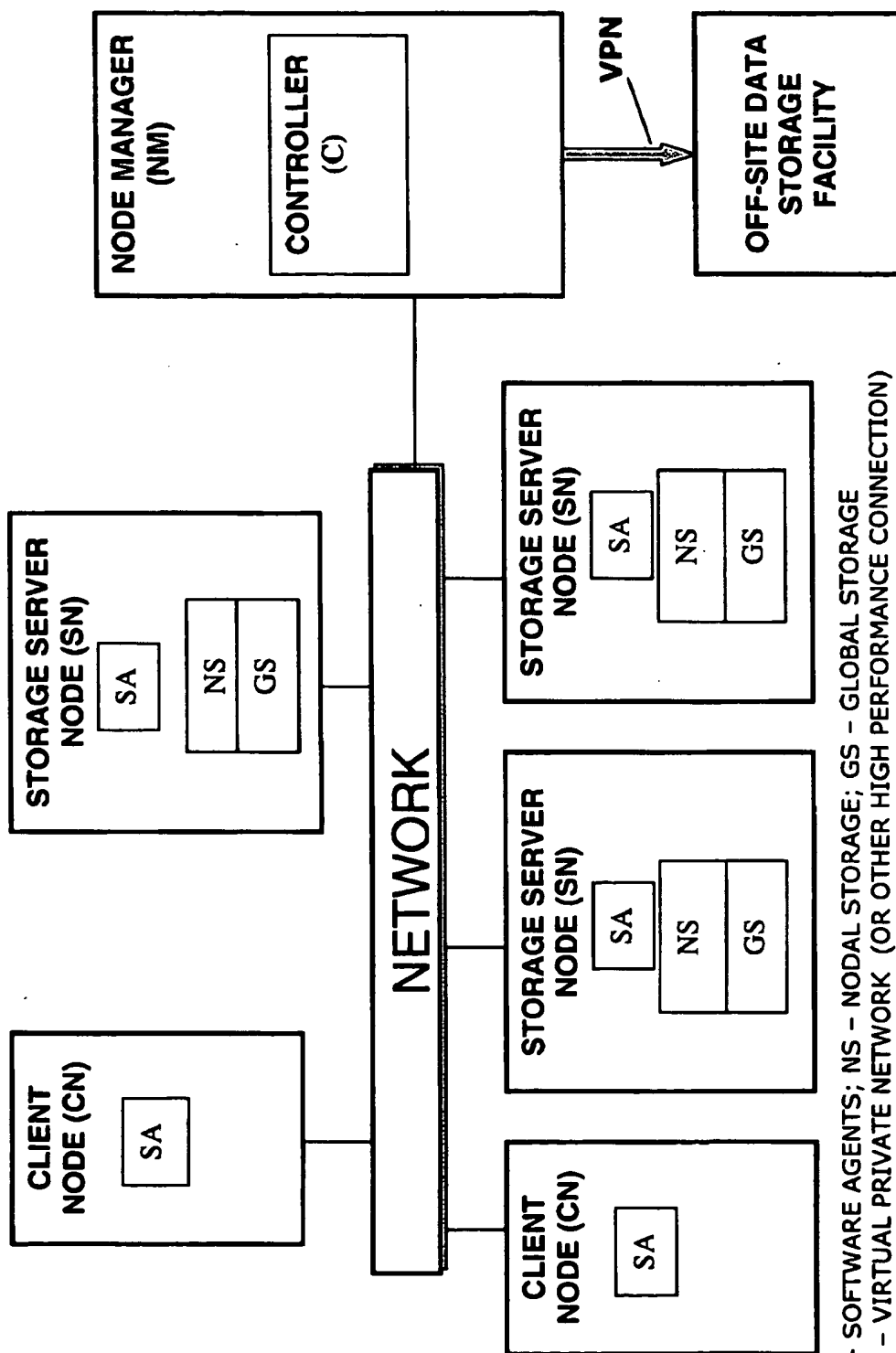


FIG. 3
(PRIOR ART)



SA - SOFTWARE AGENTS; NS - NODAL STORAGE; GS - GLOBAL STORAGE
 VPN - VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK (OR OTHER HIGH PERFORMANCE CONNECTION)

FIG. 4

REPLACEMENT SHEET

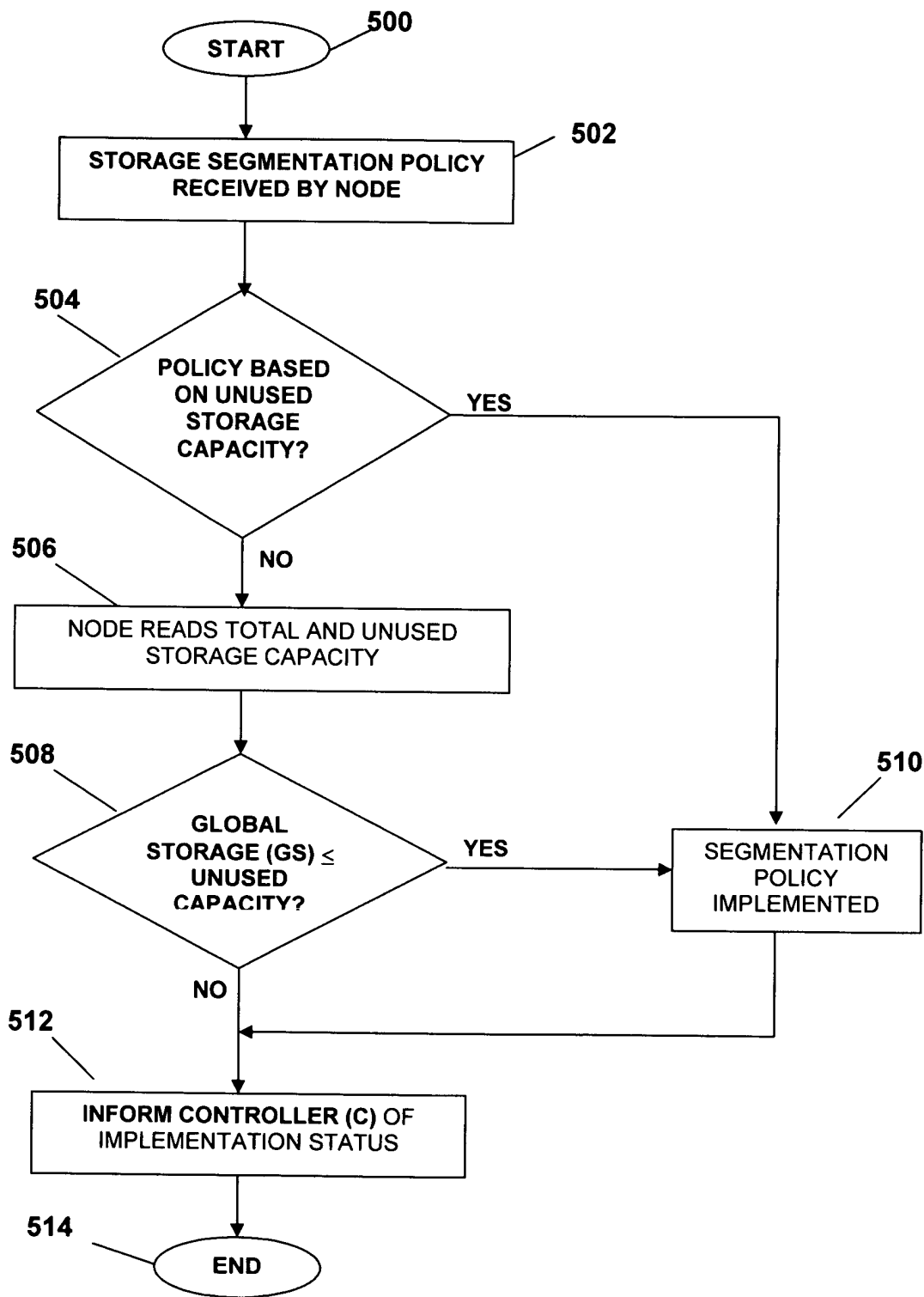


FIG. 5

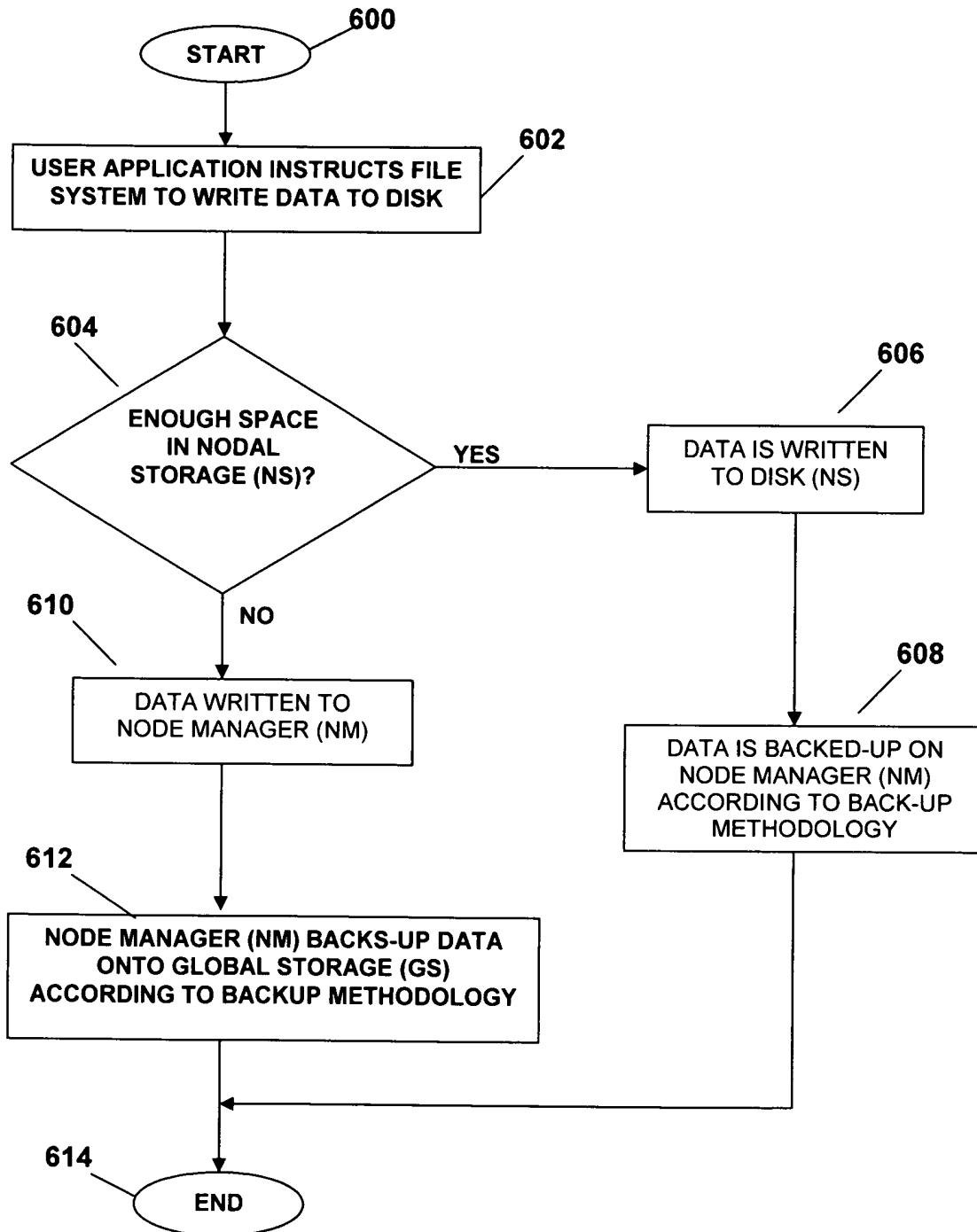


FIG. 6